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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

LETTERS FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS frequently request that we make known in advance our stand on pending legislation. Your representative has no hesitancy in stating his position on ANY issue, but the nature of legislative action makes it next to impossible to make commitments on particular bills. To explain this seeming paradox, let us look for a moment at the path which a bill must take before it is finally brought to a vote.

When a bill has been "introduced" into the House of Representatives it is referred to the proper committee for study and report. The committee by majority vote may decide that the bill should not be brought to the floor of the House, in which case it is automatically killed. A petition signed by 218 members is necessary to bring a billl before the House without committee approval, and this seldom occurs.

On the other hand, the committee may report the bill favorably, but make one or numerous amendments which alter or perhaps nullify completely the intent of the original bill. Until the committee makes its final report, therefore, an individual member of Congress cannot possibly state whether he is for or against a particular bill, because he has no idea what it may contain!

Frequently "riders" are tacked on to bills which are completely irrelevant to the main purpose: for example, the bill to permit the raising of the debt limitation of the United States had added to it in committee the famous "Disney amendment" nullifying the executive order limiting salaries during the war. When this bill finally came to a vote, therefore, many members who were in favor of the original legislation voted against it because of their opposition to the amendment.

As if this were not complicated enough, amendments may be added on the floor of the House AFTER the bill has been reported out of committee—amendments which again may change the original meaning entirely. Consequently, it can be readily seen how completely impossible it is for a member to promise to support or to oppose a particular piece of legislation not only in advance of committee action but in advance of the final floor debate itself.

THE NEW ELEVENTH district of California has as serious housing problems as any in the country. Because of the heavy influx of army personnel and workers on war construction projects, many sections such as Port Hueneme, Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles have been unusually hard hit. Your representative is spending considerable time and effort in attempting to remedy this situation.

The necessary steps in securing approval for housing projects take considerable time, although cooperation on the part of officials here has been excellent. The recent approval of a new housing project at Port Hueneme is a start in the right direction, but there is need for much additional action.

Your representative expects to be in his home district during April to go over the ground in person and to confer with local groups and individuals upon housing needs as well as upon any other matters about which he can be of service.

May he just point out that he IS aware of the terrific needs in housing throughout his district and will leave no stone unturned in his attempts to secure the necessary federal action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE that the Both Churchill and the congressmen who voted against the planning board are tories. But the difference between them is as broad as the Atlantic.

LABOR COUNCIL BENEFIT DANCE FOR RED CROSS THIS SATURDAY

HUGE CROWD EXPECTED FOR BALL; ALL INCOME GOES TO WAR RELIEF

Salinas, California.

Tomorrow night — Saturday, April 3 — is the night! The Salinas Armory is the place! Every resident in Monterey County is invited! IT'S THE RED CROSS BENEFIT BALL SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL AT SALINAS!

Tickets for the event are only 55 cents each and all new proceeds go to the American Red Cross War Fund to help war relief throughout the fighting world.

GOOD COMMITTEE

An unusually active committee has completed arrangements for the affair, a committee of such labor leaders as Don McAnaney, J. B. McGinley, Dorothey McAnaney, George Harter, W. G. Kenyon, Helen Norman, Johnny Mattos, and others.

The Armory was secured by a special committee headed by Bro. Harter. Music will be by an Army band from Rort Ord and was secured by a committee headed by Don McAnaney, who also saw that the Musicians Union 616 gave official sanction to the event.

Helen Norman has been active in behalf of ticket distribution and reports the ducats selling fast with unions buying large quantities. Placards were also distributed by Miss Norman's committee.

BIG CROWD DUE

A huge crowd is expected and special entertainment is being arranged for the intermission by General Chairman J. B. McGinley. Mrs. McAnaney was named in charge of the check rooms, and Bro. Mattos was arranging a sound truck to help advertise the affair.

Roy Owens, union printer, donated time, effort and valuable paper to the cause by supplying tickets and placards. Labor Council Secretary Kenyon has been a general representative for the Red Cross and for Labor in planning the affair.

Refreshments were left up to a committee headed by William Kearns and plenty of soft drinks and things to eat are expected. The dance was scheduled from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

LABOR'S OWN!

C. A. McAdams and Mr. Struve of the Red Cross have been instrumental in helping the labor council committees achieve their goals. Their help has been appreciated.

It's a worthy cause, and it's Labor's own dance for the Red Cross—proposed by Labor, sponsored by Labor, given by Labor, and dedicated to Labor's efforts in behalf of the war effort.

NO GOOD UNION MAN SHOULD MISS THIS EVENT!

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Salinas, California

Carpenters—Guy Paulson named president upon resignation of Ed Pilliar; Amos Schofield elected vice president.

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Culinary Alliance—Several new members accepted; union holding no more night meetings.

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Painters—Good meeting held, one new member, one withdrawal and one clearance; Secretary Hartman named delegate to the State Conference of Painters this month.

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Electricians—Now meeting only the first Friday of the month; many members working out of town.

Paulson Again Heads Carpenter Salinas Union

Guy Paulson, former president of the Salinas Carpenters Union 925 and elected vice president at last regular elections, was elevated again to the union presidency last week when President Ed Pilliar, who is working extra hard these days, was forced to resign the office due to press of work.

Amos Schofield, faithful labor council delegate, was elected vice president of the local to succeed Paulson.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS

(Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employes No. 483)

DID YOU KNOW—?

That after two spaghetti dinners with Pearl, "Tootles" now says he would rather buy her clothes than feed her? (Who is "Tootles?"—Ed.)

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That one of our brothers, Joe Broulette, has returned from behind the timber and now is behind the wheel of a Greyhound (bus)?

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That Bro. Jimmie Brown took a few days to go wild boar hunting up Carmel Valley, but it rained so hard he was lucky to come back with a skin, let alone a boar? By the way, Jimmie would like to know who stole his pink kitten.

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That one of our brothers had better be careful about going to sleep in a show, or he might embarass a lady next to him by talking in his sleep about his friends?

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That Bing Crosby has nothing on Bro. Joe Kirby, as Joe also has five sons? Look out, Bing, our Joe is a go-getter and may top your score yet!

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That Pearl's purp sent Mack to the doctor last week—to avoid rabies?

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That Pearl now is thinking about taking up jui jitsu for protection of all mankind?

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That Battling Barerra is turning out to be a good golfer—but the trouble is he never wins?

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That our worthy president, Arend Smith, has changed from the Alvarado to the Anchor where he says girls are prettier?

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That Sister Helen Norman of Local 467, Salinas, paid us a short visit last week? B. A. Mack looks forward to other visits.

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That Bro. Red Duaine now is on a mine sweeper out of San Francisco?

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That Sye Lind is now head mixologist at the Music Box and would be glad to welcome his friends there?

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That Vice President Herschell Morgan of the State Council of Bartenders paid us a visit last week and was very welcome?

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That Pearl went to Pittsburg last week to visit her hubby?

—IMA WATCHIN

Hartman Named Delegate to Painter Meet

Dennis ("Ted") Hartman, congenial secretary and representative of Salinas Painters Unions 1104, has been elected delegate from that union to the State Conference of Painters at Hollywood starting April 16.

Hartman reports the union voted $100 to the Red Cross at its last meeting.

Bro. D. W. McCann of the union is in the county hospital following a light stroke, Hartman reported.

Pete Olympic, well known painter of the local, has forsaken this trade and now is a truck driver in the San Martin area, he added.

What He Meant

Walter B. Weisenburger, executive vice president of the NAM, told a Mississippi audience that the Wagner act was the chief obstacle to winning the war.

Not the war against a creep named Hitler but the war the NAM is carrying on against labor.

County Farm Bureau Urges Speedup in Development Of Guayule Rubber Project

The Monterey County Farm Bureau recently sent a special committee to Washington to urge faster progress in the development of guayule for rubber and has sent a letter to state legislators urging that California take steps to help promote the worthy project.

Edward Tickle and Assemblyman Fred Weybret explains the suggestions of the investigating committee. The letter follows:

"I spent two weeks in Washington on the subject of the growing of Guayule rubber.

"From Jeffers down all those in authority connected with the project in Washington are in accord with the following:

"1. Not in favor of taking the best agricultural land.

"2. In favor of using the grower to cultivate and produce the shrub where economically feasible.

"3. Not in favor of using the power to condemn, to obtain land or to use the threat of such power to coerce the grower.

"4. In favor of allowing a group of representative growers to experiment with a limited amount of seed to be furnished by the Government.

"5. In favor of any move that will help produce guayule as quickly and cheaply as possible.

"6. Not adverse to a representative group of interested citizens with whom they can cooperate in the improving and speeding up of practices and contract procedure.

"The rubber situation is very serious as it requires twenty to twenty-five per cent raw rubber to mix with synthetic and the only source at present for at least fifteen per cent of that amount is guayule.

"Food cannot be produced without rubber. We are at war and we must act sanely and wisely and not base our judgment on wild rumors.

"It is my opinion and my recommendation that the State of California by resolution of the Senate or Assembly create an official Guayule Rubber Committee to cooperate with the Government, in:

"1. Working out a more justifiable contract and rental payment.

"2. Determining what land is available and best suitable without seriously interfering with food production.

"3. Work out a program of contracting with farmers to cultivate and produce guayule in a manner to the growing of sugar beets.

"4. Be a voice for the California farmer in relation to the growing of guayule.

"There are many things such a committee representing the State of California could do further this worthwhile project in a sound and economical manner. I feel sure the good judgment of the members of the California Assembly and Senate will agree that the procedure suggested herein is sound and therefore should be undertaken as a vital part of California's contribution to the war effort.

"Thanking you for your always kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,
FRED J. HART,
Secretary Monterey
County Farm Bureau.

Labor Mourns R. H. Gregory, Office Secretary for BTC

Union leaders and members joined last week in mourning the sudden death of Roland H. Gregory, office secretary at Carpenters hall in Monterey, who dropped dead at the hall following a heart attack.

Brother Gregory was widely known for his work as office representative for the Monterey County Building Trades Council and for Carpenters Union 1323, as well as for other organizations, many of which called upon him frequently for help. While not a union official, he was considered "brother" by most union men who knew him.

WAS CANDIDATE

Less than two weeks ago, Bro. Gregory agreed to run for city clerk in Pacific Grove, where he resided, after having been requested by many friends to become a candidate. He was active in civic affairs.

Bro. Gregory was an expert bookkeeper and accountant and had handled books for numerous firms in the Monterey area as well as for unions.

He was a member of Grove Masonic Lodge and was secretary of the organization. He was a native of Irving, Illinois, born October 1, 1880. He lived in the middle west until 1918 when he came to Pacific Grove from Colorado.

FINAL TRIBUTE

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Neva Grantham Gregory of Pacific Grove; two sisters, Mrs. H. Kelley of Illinois and Mrs. E. Irvin of Oklahoma, and a brother, Marvin Gregory, of Missouri.

Scores of union members paid final tribute to Bro. Gregory at his funeral services last Thursday afternoon at Paul's Mortuary, Monterey. The Grove Masonic Lodge were in charge of the services, with the Rev. Albert E. Clay and the Rev. Alvin C. Crawford officiating. Cremation followed the rites.

He Would

There was a young man from Mauritius
Who used to get frightfully vitius
Whenever his spouse
Walked out of the house
And left him to wash up the ditius.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

Bud Kenyon, labor council secretary, turned gardener over last week end—and his hands were so stiff as result of long spading that he was almost unable to work at his trade the next day. (Boy are we glad we didn't need a shave!)

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The labor council's Red Cross Committee deserves commendation for its work in behalf of the Red Cross.

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Don McAnaney is the lucky one—he proved it at the council last week.

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Incidently, Don McAnaney isn't too lucky, at that—his wife, Dorothey J. McAnaney, has been seriously ill.

In Union Circles

MONTEREY

Ralph Lester, former president of Barbers Union 896 and secretary for the labor council during summer months, was back in Monterey last week on furlough from his army duties.

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A. H. Thompson, labor council treasurer and secretary of Barbers Union 896, is talking again of getting some ducks. His last venture with ducks proved two things: Ducks are good to rid the garden of snails and slugs, but are bad on fish—they tossed all Thompson's goldfish out of the fish pond.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Those flowers in the union's offices last week were brought by Neely Best. Thanks.

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Pearl Thomas celebrated her birthday last week—either the 24th or the 26th. She said the former but a surprise party for her was to be held the night of the latter date.

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Lorraine Blades, of C. P. C., was taken to the hospital last weekend for an emergency operation.

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A letter from Ivan Sinner, ex-B. A., last week disclosed he's doing well at Bakersfield these days.

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Fishing has been bad in Monterey and summer pack isn't doing so well. Hovden, Sea Pride and Del Mar are trying summer pack and they had one good week.

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Tillie Mrovka really has a "fine position" now—he says he spends eight hours a day climbing in and out of fish tanks! (And at least another eight hours to get rid of that fishy odor!)

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Woodrow Carrick, label machine operator at Hovden's, has forsaken the bench for the sloop—he's gone salmon fishing.

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Two other labelers, Freddy Moore, and Steve Madison, have taken up fishing, too—Freddy after shark, and Madison "just fishing!"

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Fred Dalton, who used to work at San Carlos, likes his new job at Moore Drydock Co., where he helps make ships.

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Louis Martin, our new B. A., is quite a worker—and if you don't believe it, just try to find him when he's not doing something useful!

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Nick Siohros, San Carlos worker who had an accident recently, is out of the hospital at last.

Unions Clear P. H. Cummings

P. H. Cummings & Son, who as carpentry contractors incurred the disfavor of unions in Salinas, were cleared by these same unions last week at request of Carpenters Local 925.

Both Cummings and his son have joined Local 925, Secretary Roy Hossack of the union informed the labor council. The two were removed from Labor's official WDP list.

Labor Increases Production Per Man-Hour 2.5 Percent

New York City

American workers overcame many obstacles in 1942 to increase production per man-hour in U. S. manufacturing industry by more than 2.5 per cent, the Economic Notes of Labor Research Association reveal.

The increase, LRA says, is remarkable in view of the fact that output per man-hour increased more than 160 per cent from the end of the last war to 1941.

Adverse factors in 1942 which, LRA asserts, might well have caused a decline in per capita productivity instead of an increase, were the conversion from peace to war production, employment of less efficient and skilled workers, reopening of less efficient plants, and migration of labor.

"Offsetting these factors," the LRA said, "was the higher morale of the working force in the pre-war due to the strength of the unions and the whole-hearted participation of labor in every phase of the war effort."

Even greater productivity may be expected in 1943, according to the Federal Reserve Bank and other Government agencies.

Spread It Thick!

Have you heard about the worker who dashed in the front door one night, demanding that his wife go right out and buy a case of margarine?

When she wanted to know why, he said: "I just read Pegler's column and he's against margarine. It must be good."

Another Bill to Hamstring Labor Bites the Dust!

Veterans Repudiate Act By Bashore to 'Protect' Them Against Unionism

Sacramento, California.

(CFLNL)—That members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee are not going to pass badly drawn bills even though they may be draped in the Stars and Stripes was evidenced last week when the committee considered the Bashore Bill, A. B. 485, which would make it a misdemeanor to compel a veteran engaged on any state project, or by contractors supplying materials to such projects, to join a labor union.

BASHORE IN WEAK ARGUMENT

Appearing in behalf of the bill, Assemblyman Bashore made an emotional appeal for its passage without touching on its merits. Assemblymen Sargent and Carlson questioned him at great length, and in the exchange it was only too clear that Mr. Bashore was not able to defend the bill. That it would involve contractors who would be engaged in building these state projects as well as those supplying materials to them, was unquestionably established, and if these contractors had union shop agreements, they would not be able to qualify for doing this work without abrogating their contracts with the union.

ADMITS IGNORANCE

Mr. Bashore was unable to get over this hurdle and had to admit that he was not qualified to judge these points brought up by the members of the Judiciary Committee. Assemblyman Carlson, from Alameda County, declared that in his opinion the bill was badly drawn and because of that he would not be able to vote for it.

VFW COOPERATES

A representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and another from the California State Federation of Labor spoke against the bill, pointing out that it would discriminate against those veterans who were union members as well as collide with Federal law now in effect respecting collective bargaining agreements. In the Labor Code there are already provisions which protect any man from being coerced into joining a union, thus making such provisions in the Bashore bill entirely superuous.

After considerable time was given to the arguments pro and con in the crowded committee room where the hearings were held, a motion was made to pass the bill and an amendment to lay it over for a week. Both the amendment and the motion were voted down decisively by the committee, where the matter now rests.

"JIM CROW" BAN HELD UP

While A. B. 485 was being discussed, across the hall the Assembly Labor and Capital Committee was listening to impassioned pleas to pass A. B. 50, which would eliminate all racial discrimination in the employment of workers on war projects. This bill was sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor and all other organized labor groups.

Representatives of negro organizations from the southern part of the state, as well as a representative of the federation, appeared before the committee in behalf of the measure. In spite of the arguments made, there were not enough votes on the committee to give it a "do pass" push, and it still remains in the hands of the committee for future consideration.

Federation Wins Compensation to Shipyard Worker On Eye Infection

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—Ruling that the shipyard eyes cases, which at their peak last year created havoc in production at the San Francisco Bay shipyards, were compensable, the California State Supreme Court last week upheld the awards made in these cases by the Industrial Accident Commission. This decision by the Supreme Court not only brought final defeat to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company's long but fruitless fight to have the awards set aside, but proved once and for all the correctness of the Federation's firm stand, in the fact of bitter opposition from the company and contradictory opinions from so-called "experts," that the case were compensable.

It was soon after Pearl Harbor and our entrance into the war had made the quickened production of ships a matter of literally life or death that the malady appeared and, rapidly reaching the epidemic stage, threatened to spread throughout the entire San Francisco Bay area. Production at the yards was seriously interfered with, as the sufferers were unable to work from two weeks to a month and even longer in some instances. All the cases were extremely painful and often accompanied by the possibility of impaired vision remaining after the infection had been cleared up.

SUBMIT EVIDENCE

At the hearings before the Industrial Accident Commission in January and February the California State Federation of Labor, which had stepped in to represent the workers involved, offered overwhelming evidence that the infection had developed in the course of employment, and that the victims should therefore receive compensation. This view was bitterly opposed by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, and when the Commission handed down the awards, the company exhausted every possibility open to it to have the ruling set aside. When the Appellate Court denied its petition for a writ of review to set aside the Commission's award, the company then brought the case before the state's highest tribunal.

COURT'S RULING

In upholding the Commission's awards, the Supreme Court likewise upheld the Federation's contention that compensation was due in these cases because the infection was contracted on the job. As a matter of fact, the Court's decision in this matter is an extremely important one in that it clarified a phase of compensation that has hitherto been obscure and sets a valuable precedent. While holding that the eye cases were not cases of occupational disease, the Court ruled that they were nevertheless compensable because contagion had occurred in the course of these workers' employment.

Seeing that justice was done to the workers in the matter was the first and most immediate aim of the Federation. Its second aim, which developed from the moment it entered the case, was of even more far-reaching significances: to eliminate the great loss in production in the shipyards as a result of these eye infections and similar maladies by eliminating the causes for the spread of the contagion.

Forty-Eight Hrs. Per Week Is Top For Efficiency, Research Shows

New York City.

The war worker reaches peak efficiency on a 6-day, 48-hour workweek schedule, a report recently compiled by the New York State Department of Labor shows.

This conclusion, reached in a Princeton University study of 140 firms employing 2,000,000 workers, has also been confirmed by the findings of eight government departments and agencies, including the War and Navy Departments, the War Production Board and the U. S. Department of Labor, the report states.

The report cites experiences from a sampling of war plants to show that six 10-hour days or 7-day week schedules brought a drop in production and increased absenteeism.

"Continuous 7-day weeks are now rare in New York state," the department says. "Even six months after the war began, employers were convinced that production could not be kept at a high pitch unless workers had a day of rest each week."

—Buy U. S. War Bonds!—

Notice!

March 22, 1943.

To All Affiliated Locals.

Greetings:

Brother Harry O. Hastings, No. 6415, a member in good standing of Local No. 104 of San Francisco, California, passed away on March 13, 1943; therefore, the amount in Death Assessment No. 236 will be turned over to Local No. 104 to be paid to the benefit of whom it may concern.

Death Assessment No. 238 is now due and payable and will be delinquent in thirty days from date.

Fraternally yours,
—H. M. STARK, Secretary,
STATE COUNCIL OF
SHEET METAL WORKERS.

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LINING UP IN AFRICA

At last there are indications that the forces of democracy are beginning to line up in North Africa on our side of the present war.

Every day's dispatches of late have been filled with reports of the political and social upheaval, which is taking place in the French possessions in Africa.

At last the fighting French, who have been largely outcasts, since they refused to submit to the Nazi rule, are now coming into their own in North and Northwest Africa.

Vichy influence, which is simply another name for Nazi rule, is rapidly disappearing in the French territories. Vichyites are being removed from the government positions they have been holding. Petain has been completely repudiated and photographs of him have been ordered removed from all public places. Thousands of anti-Vichy prisoners have been released. Repressive laws have been repealed. Those in charge of administering such government as exists in North Africa now announce that when the Nazi army is wiped out or driven from French soil they will not attempt to name their successors, but on the contrary will leave it to the French people to choose those who will then be placed in charge.

All this is a tremendous improvement over the disgusting conditions that prevailed two or three months ago, when it looked for a time as if our own forces were helping to retain axis supporters in positions of power and control. We might as well admit that that kind of stuff did not sit well with Americans, whose understanding was that our soldiers had been sent there to help overthrow just that kind of rule.

SHAKE-UPS A HEALTHY SIGN

One of the most cheering bits of news that have trickled over the wires in connection with the North African campaign is the report that there has been a thoroughgoing shake-up administered among those in command of the fighting American forces.

It should also be noticed that very shortly after the shake-up had taken place the new commanders started to move forward instead of running backward.

It would seem that we have entirely too many swivel chair, arm stripe officers, who are always out to get any honors or favors to be passed around but when it comes to really fighting a war, like the present one, they simply are out of place to handle such a job. The sooner they are replaced by men of ability, get-up and action, the sooner will this war get under way and eventually be over. It certainly cannot end unless it first begins.

So far as Europe is concerned, it is only now that our boys are beginning to get into action. Even though that action is taking place in North Africa it is being directed against forces of the enemy, at a point where complete ejection from Africa of the few remaining axis soldiers still there, will clear the way for effective invasion of Europe, where the axis powers must be crushed before we can say we have defeated the enemy or brought the axis powers to the unconditional surrender, which our allied nations are pretty well agreed is the goal we have all set out to attain.

After fifteen months of waiting the forces we have been sending to Europe are finally getting into action. Naturally they have much to learn, as most of them have never had any experience in real battle till now. It is hardly fair to expect inexperienced soldiers to start winning everything at the very beginning. This African fracas, although it involves too few soldiers on either side to entitle it to be designated as a major offensive, it nevertheless is giving quite a few of our raw recruits their first experience in actual battle.

As our part in this war gets under way we trust that those in supreme command will see to it that further shake-ups are administered whenever and wherever they may be needed.

Compared with the standard of living to which the average American has become accustomed, average Britishers in England were living on half rations before the war. What they manage to get by on now may not prove as workable here as it does over there. Conditions here, as well as the pace with which people work in America, are vastly different from what they are in England. If our experts would figure out something that fits us instead of eternally aping England we might get a whole lot farther in less time.

April is here at last. Surely from now on the weather can hardly be a legitimate excuse for not getting under way with that second front in Europe.

There is entirely too much talk about our future military plans and too little of putting unannounced military plans into execution. All this endless talk does more harm than good. If the talk is without foundation it weakens confidence among our people. If it is well founded it gives information to the enemy he had better not have. The best way is to say nothing till action does the talking.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

PERPETUAL MOTION

"Dere goes dat slatternly Mandy Jackson wid her ten pickaninnies. She sho do look repugnant."

"Lan sakes! Again?"

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NOT GUILTY

A big steward stood at the gangway of a big liner, and kept shouting:

"First class to the right! Second class to the left."

A young woman stepped daintily aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward, he bent over her and said, in his chivalrous way:

"First or second?"

"Oh!" said the girl, her face as red as a rose. "Oh, dear, neither—I'm only the nurse."

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THE TIPOFF

The professor's secretary saw a magnificent blonde carrying some paper enter the office smiling sweetly.

"Listen, you," snarled the jealous secretary, "if you try to muscle in on my territory I'll plant you among the potatoes.'

"Hell, don't mind me," answered the blonde. "I'm only the professor's wife."

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LYING FALLOW

During the 1936 campaign Senator Glass and his friend Crowley were discussing the political outlook, when Crowley mischievously asked Glass why Virginia hadn't put a candidate in the field against Roosevelt.

"That's right, Carter," added Crowley, grinning. "Virginia is the mother of Presidents, you know."

"Yes, I know," retorted Glass, "but she isn't pregnant this year."

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BUTT OF THE JOKE

"Did you hear about the butcher that backed into his slicing machine?"

"No. What happened?"

"Well, he got a little behind in his orders."

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MYSTERY OF OSCILLATION

Prior to the great fuss an American oil magnate was in an English restaurant in the Whitechapel district, seeking English atmosphere.

"What have you got today?" he asked.

Waitress: "We 'ave roast beef, rabbit, rutabagas, rice and Spanish bread."

American: "You certainly roll your R's."

Waitress: "Maybe it's these 'igh 'eels I'm wearing."

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EXPENSIVE JOB

A Jew in Germany went to a dentist to have an aching tooth pulled. The dentist bluntly demanded $250 for the job. Noticing the look of astonishment on the would-be patient's face, the dentist went on to explain:

"Since you Jews aren't permitted to open your mouths, I have to get to that tooth from the other end, and that constitutes a major operation."

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SUPERANNUATED FLING

Grandmother was inordinately fond of sweets, but always had to pay the penalty. On one occasion she ate the better part of two pounds of chocolates and landed in the hospital. A flu epidemic had crowded the hospital and the only place for grandma was in the maternity ward. A family 6-year-old was left in the waiting room. A waiting expectant father looked startled when he saw her wheeled in.

"What are they taking your grandmother in there for?"

"Well, Mummy tole me that Granny had been indiscreet again," replied the 6-year-old.

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DAME FORTUNE SMILES

First B. A.—How is your new stenographer?

Second B. A.—Not so good.

First B. A.—You always were a lucky guy.

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QUICKLY DECIDED

First Steno—Do you know the difference between a popular girl and an unpopular girl?

Second Steno: Well, yes and no.

TESTED RECIPES — for — UNION HOME MAKERS

(Union housewives—and men who pride themselves in cooking—are asked to send favorite tested recipes to RECIPE EDITOR, 5828 Occidental St., Oakland. Be sure to give name, address and union).

Fish Dishes

Fish cookery frequently lacks inspiration. Perhaps we don't have it often enough to explore its possibilities. Here are several suggestion:

BAKED HALIBUT PIQUANTE

2 pounds halibut steak cut one-inch thick
¼ cup melted butter
1 teaspoon dry mustard
¾ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup fresh enriched white bread crumbs

Place halibut on waxed paper in a buttered baking dish. Blend half the melted butter with the seasonings, and brush the fish with this. Blend the rest of the melted butter with the bread crumbs and cover the fish with the crumbs. Bake uncovered in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until fish is tender and crumbs are browned—about 30 minutes.

FISHERMAN'S STEW

2 cups milk
2 cups fresh enriched white bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter
1 onion, minced
1½ cups flaked fish
1 cup tomato juice
salt and pepper
2 tablespoons minced parsley

Pour the milk into a saucepan, add the enriched bread crumbs, the butter and onion. Heat and add flaked fish. Cook two minutes stirring constantly. Heat the tomato juice separately and add gradually to the fish. Season with salt and pepper. Serve piping hot, sprinkled with finely chopped parsley.

POEM OF THE WEEK

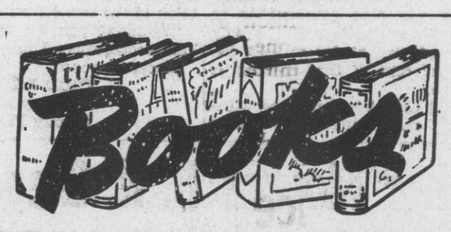
The Volunteer Organizer

There's a real unselfish fellow
And he's active every day,
He is scattering hope and knowledge,
Always working without pay;
He's persistent, he's insistent,
And his campaign never wanes,
With his pockets full of papers,
And his head chock full of brains.

You will find him agitating
In the factory and the mine,
On the ship upon the ocean,
On the farm and railroad line;
He's amusing, he's enthusing,
And he has good cause to smile,
For the country's full of unions,
And their strength grows all the while.

He is shrewd and he is nervy,
And he's making millions think,
By his ready wit and logic
And through power of printer's ink;
He's deductive, he's instructive,
And he's breaking slavery's chains,
With his pockets full of papers,
And his head chock full of brains.

—WILLIAM BRADFORD.



A WEEK WITH GANDHI, by Louis Fischer. Duell, Sloan and Pearce, Inc., New, N. Y., $2.00.

Here is a most timely and informative little volume about a country and its leader. He is now making more history than most people paid to observe, care to tell frankly. The author does both in sort of a diary form. From the mind and mouth of Gandhi we get straightforward, simple answers as to why India rejected the Cripps proposals, why it disdains dominion status, and why it abhors being divided along artificially created religious lines (Pakistan). Gandhi significantly stresses "that in wartime there must be civilian control of the military, even though the civilians are not as well trained in strategy as the military." He is bitter about many such grievances as villagers being driven from their homes without notice or compensation in order to make possible airdrome construction. Despite it all, Gandhi stresses: "Britain and America, and other countries, too, can keep their armies here and use Indian territory a base for military operations. I do not wish Japan to win the war. I do not want the Axis to win." Fischer has done an admirable job in crowding his pages with living analysis and authoritative information about India's social and economic problems as well as her aspirations for national freedom.

TIMOSHENKO, by Walter Mehring. Albert Unger Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., $1.75.

Here is a concise and timely little volume shedding light on one of the few truly great generals coming out of this war to date—on the side of the United Nations. There is also gathered some valuable material on Russia's civil war of twenty-five years as background for the present role of the great Russian Marshal. The latter has been an ardent advocate of offensive strategy. No doubt he has given Hitler more than one nightmare and has made the greatest single contribution towards bleeding the Nazi monster to death.

Here's Secret of How to Keep From Growin Old Too Fast!

Always race with locomotives to crossings. Engineers like it; it breaks the monotony of their jobs.

Always pass the car ahead on curves or turns. Don't use your horn, it may unnerve the other fellow and cause him to turn out too far.

Demand half the road—the middle half. Insist on your rights.

Always speed; it shows people you are a man of pep even though an amateur driver.

Never stop, look or listen at railroad crossings. It consumes time.

Drive confidently, just as though there were not eight million other cars in service.

Always lock your brakes in skidding. It makes the job more artistic.

Always pass cars on hills. It shows you have more power; and you can turn out if you meet a car at the top.

In sloppy weather drive close to pedestrians. Dry cleaners appreciate it.

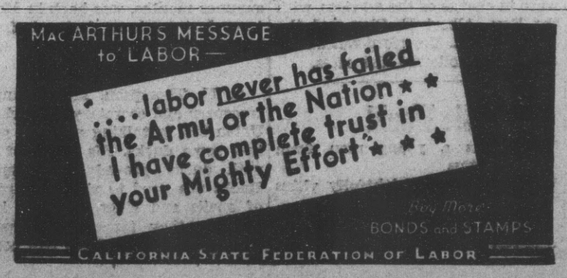
Never look around when you back up. There is never anything behind you.

Here's Special Book For Every President Of Woman's Auxiliary

The Women's Section of the War Savings Staff, U. S. Treasury, has issued two booklets that every Women's Union Auxiliary president should have.

"Madame Chairman, Mr. Chairman" is a program of War Savings action for women's clubs. "How to Win on the Home Front" is a booklet packed with helpful suggestions for the worker's wife on saving and stretching her family's income and her country's dwindling supply of goods.

Union auxiliary meetings built around these two booklets help bring War Bonds and Stamps out of high finance and into the homes of the worker's family. Every union auxiliary president is urged to get "Madame Chairman, Mr. Chairman" and "How to Win on the Home Front" from local War Savings offices or State War Savings offices.



VICTORY DEPENDS ON ME

I am a Soldier, tried and true,
Who fights, in order to subdue
The Axis foe across the Sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a fighting Sailor lad
Who sails in weather, good and bad,
To sink our foe upon the sea—
For victory depends on Me.

I am a bold and brave Marine
Who lands on shores I've never seen
To fight and smash the enemy—
For Victory depends on Me.

An aviator, bold, am I
Who knocks the Axis from the sky
And sinks their ships upon the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a steady working man
Who works to build the best I can
The ships, the planes, the guns, you see—
For Victory depends on Me.

Americans, let's do our part
And work and work with all our heart.
Let each one say with certainty—
That Victory depends on Me.

God, our Father, to Thee we pray
To guide us on our stormy way.
Inspire, and make each one to see—
That Victory depends on Me!

—By Major General WALTER K. WILSON, Commanding General, Northern California Director, Western Defense Command.

LABOR-MANAGER COMMITTEES IN BRITAIN UPPING WAR PRODUCTION

Montreal, Canada

Joint labor-managment production committees in Great Britain have obtained "a substantial increase in output through pooling the technical knowledge of management and labor for better plant and work organization," it is declared in a report on the work of the committees published by the International Labor Office here.

Actual operation of the committees, the report says, has also shown that they have been useful "in the promotion of morale through better understanding of the problems faced by both sides, and through more adequate appreciation of the urgency and importance of the industrial war effort."

An essential factor in the success of the committees, the report adds, "has been the willingness of trade union officials and management to receive and experiment with individual proposals regardless of their origin."

Despite Rising Cost Of Living, National Labor Board Denies Upward Pay Revision

Washington, D. C.

The National War Labor Board rejected by an 8 to 4 vote the petition submitted by its AFL members calling for relaxation of the Board's rigid ceilings on wages.

The AFL members, in the spirit of democracy, announced they would abide by the Board's decision but would keep up the fight against wage freezing and to check the dangerous rise in the cost of living.

Following the stormy meeting, WLB Chairman William H. Davis conceded at a press conference that the Board might have to reconsider its action if a "radical change" occurred in living costs.

Only on one count did the Board offer any encouragement to labor. It voted unanimously to make further studies on how wage increases beyond the limits of the "Little Steel" formula may be permitted to correct inequalities, to lift substandard wages and to aid in the better prosecution of the war.

The other four counts in the AFL petition were voted down by a combination of the public and industry representatives on the Board. The CIO members voted in support of the AFL petition. In the request for reopening the packing house and West Coast aircraft wage cases, Public Member Wayne Morse voted with the labor members, but the final decision was 7 to 5 against such action.

Oh to Be a Wall Street Slave!

Taking issue with Bernard Baruch's statement that the Austin-Wadsworth bill would mean involuntary servitude, the New York Tribune argues that employers are already in virtual servitude to the government.

Pity the poor slave—INDUSTRY—manacled to a 113 per cent increase in net profits!

—Buy U. S. War Bonds!—

Buck Benny Rides Again---After the Cattle Rustlers!

Waco, Texas

Cattle rustlers are again riding in Texas and New Mexico. Southwestern ranchers blame it on the meat shortage and say measures are necessary to cope with the trucking of stolen steers to black markets. So once again the famed Texas Rangers of Western storybook fame are mobilizing to meet the crisis.

New Buildings To House 8,000 Ford Families

Washington, D. C.

More than 8,000 families are to be housed in buildings now under way at the Willow Run bomber plant, National Housing Administrator John B. Blandford Jr. said recently. Another 3,000 family unit should be under contract within the next few weeks, he said, saying needs of family workers at the plant should be cared for "by late summer."

MONTEREY

Karl's Shoe Store
SHOES AT GREAT SAVINGS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
—LARGE SELECTIONS—
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NATIONAL DOLLAR STORE
AN AMERICAN-CHINESE INSTITUTION FEATURING AMERICAN MADE MERCHANDISE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.
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MIDWAY DRUG STORE
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DRUGS—LIQUORS
Labor Temple, 601 Lighthouse Ave. Phone 6325 New Monterey.

MONTEREY UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 3-8789.

BAKERS 24 (Watsonville Branch)—Meets first Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. Pres., Jasper Svien, 202-C Third St., Rec. Sec., Martin Niebling, 28 East Ford St.; Bus. Rep., Fred L. Goudy, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—President Paul Mercurio; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Monterey. Meetings held first Wednesday of each month at Bartenders' Hall, 301 Alvarado Ave.

BARTENDERS AND HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets first and third Mondays, 2:30 p.m. above The Keg, 301 Alvarado St., Pres., Arend Smith; Sec., Pearl Bennett; Bus. Agent, E. D. McCutcheon, 301 Alvarado Ave., Phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Carpenters' Hall second and fourth Friday, 8:00 P. M. President, F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove. Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets every Thursday, 8:00 P. M., Carpenters' Hall. W. J. Dickerson, Pres.; H. E. Ferguson, Fin. Sec., Dale Ward, Bus. Mgr. Office: 701 Hawthorne St. Phone 6744, Res. Phone 5230.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meet first and third Monday 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters' Hall, Monterey. Rec. Sec., W. J. Allen, 501 Forrest, Pacific Grove, phone 3263; Bus. Agent-Fin. Sec., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson Ave., office phone 6744, Res. 5230.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meet in Carpenters Hall, Monterey, second Monday, 7:30 P. M. President, E. E. Smith; Financial Secty., R. H. Van DeBogart, 310 5th St., Pacific Grove, Phone 4500.

FIVE COUNTIES LABOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE—Meets first Sunday each month at place announced. Pres., F. J. Carlisle; Vice.-Pres., Wayne Edwards; Rec. Sec., Sibyl Schneller; Sec.-Treas., Roy Hossack, Route 2, Box 144, Salinas, Phone Salinas 5460.

AFL FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC, MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets on call. Pres., Louis Martin; Sec., Morgan King; Bus. Agent, Ivan Sinner, Office, 648 Ocean View Ave.

HODCARRIERS, BUILDING AND COMMON LABORERS 690—Meet in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first and third Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Pres., Robert Dalton, 670 Cypress St.; Fin. Sec., H. E. Ferguson, P. O. Box 425, Monterey; Rec. Sec., Stanley Wilkins, Pacific Grove; Ross Reese, Bus. Agt.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 13 Kentucky St., Salinas; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Payton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Meets at Labor Temple, 315 Alvarado, first and third Tuesdays at 8 p. m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Vice-Pres., Warren Lee; Treas., A. H. Thompson; Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED TEACHERS NO. 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 P. M. Fin.-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

MUSICIANS Local No. 616 Meets second Monday at 8:00 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Virgil McAllister; Sec.-Treas., Harry Judson.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPER HANGERS 272—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays in Bartenders' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Elmer Brewer; Rec.-Sec., Irving Ask, Phone 8243; Fin. Sec., J. C. Underwood, Phone 8246; Treas., William Mayer, Phone 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Carpenters' Hall, Monterey, 8:00 P.M. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS NO. 62—Meet in Carpenters' Hall Monterey, second and fourth Friday at 8:00 P. M. President, J. Allen Wilson, 211 Ninth Street, Pacific Grove, Phone 4591; Fin.-Sec., Russell Sweetman, 707 Filmore St., Monterey, Phone 7086.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres., Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamil.

SEINE AND LINE FISHERMEN'S UNION—Meets monthly on full moon, 2:00 p.m., at Knights of Pythias Hall, Calle Principal; Secretary-Treasurer, John Crivello: Business Agent, Vito Alioto, Office 233 Alvarado St., Phone 3965.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meet every third Friday, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey. Pres., John Alsop, 308 19th St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., S. C., Ph. 1276J.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO DRIVERS' UNION 287—Meets second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. George W. Jenott, Sec.-Bus. Agt., 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Ballard 6316. For a representative of Monterey County call L. R. Carey, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas Phone 7590.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LOCAL 573—Meets last Friday of each month in Labor Temple. Lawrence Ollason, President; Walter Cook, Vice President; A. B. Rotter, Secretary, Rt. 1, Monterey.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543 — C. R. McCloskey, President, Salinas; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Phone 959-J. Meets last Sunday of the Month, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Rufus Robinson, 200 Windham St., Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas; Phone 9668.

Tighten Up the Old Belt, Brother, War Scarcity Is Gonna Pinch Down on You!

By SCOTT NEARING

"Scarcity of resources relative to needs" is the dominant feature of the economic situation in the opening months of 1943, according to the February Survey of Current Business, published by the U. S. Department of Commerce. This holds true for rubber, which was formerly imported from the Japanese-occupied territories in Malaya and the East Indies. It is likewise true for gasoline, produced abundantly in the U. S. but limited at the moment, because tankers cannot carry it freely from gulf ports through the submarine infested waters of the eastern seaboard. It is none the less true of butter which comes from Wisconsin, Iowa and other dairy States that are neither occupied by Japan nor subject to the submarine blockade. The universal scarcity of resources relative to needs is one aspect of a war economy.

Wherever war economy has been established — Japan, Germany, Britain, Canada, U. S. —the community has turned its attention from the production of butter to that of guns. Such a shift always and inevitably involves scarcity.

The situation is well illustrated by the expenditures of the U. S. Government. In ordinary years—1938 for example—Federal expenditures ran to 7 billion dollars, of which the Army and Navy received something over a billion dollars. In the fiscal year 1942, however, Federal expenditures ran to 39 billion dollars; for 1943 they are expected to reach 89 billion dollars and in 1944 144 billions. Of these amounts all but 5 or 6 billion dollars go for war purposes.

THE NATURAL RESULT

The result of such a program is scarcity in every important economic field, not because of Japanese occupation or Axis submarine warfare, but because the productive apparatus of the country is turning out war goods instead of civilian goods.

Department of Commerce figures estimate the proportion of the gross national product available for consumers as 70 per cent in 1939; 63 per cent in 1941; 54 per cent in 1942 and 43 per cent in 1943. The War Production Board had this prospect in mind when it suggested a week ago that bedrock U. S. life would include 72 per cent of the 1941 food supply; 64 per cent of the clothing; 55 per cent of the beverages; 75 per cent of the tobacco and smoking supplies and 29 per cent of the books and other printed matter.

The scarcities of 1942 were considerably greater that those of 1941. Those of 1943 will be vastly greater than those of the previous year because war expenditures will have doubled.

Belt-tightening was being practiced in Japan, Germany, Russia and Britain for several years before it became a prime pre-occupation of the American people. The longer the war and the greater the proportion of national income poured into military operation, the tighter must belts be drawn.

TWO WAYS OF MEETING PROBLEM

Scarcity may be met in one of two ways—by a strict system of rationing on a fixed price level, or by competitive bidding for the diminishing supply, with consequent price increases. The Washington administration has followed its customary procedure when faced by a dilemma and has taken a little from both sides. There has been some rationing and regimentation and some competitive buying, with its inevitable price increases.

U. S. cost of living increased steadily from February 1941 through the two following years. In the course of that period it rose almost exactly 20 per cent. In Canada, with more stringent price controls, the cost of living rose rapidly until the controls were imposed, hesitated for four months and then rose slowly through the balance of 1942.

There are three essentials in ever productive operation: land, tools and labor power. In the U.S., as in every country waging total war, more than half of these economic essentials is being used for purposes of destruction.

The continued destruction of materials and manpower can lead only to global scarcity.

Unions Urged To Mobilize War Gardens

Washington, D. C.

American workers who tend their share of the 12,000,000 city, town and suburban Victory Gardens needed this year will help win "the battle of food—the battle we must win if the Axis is to be destroyed," declares the Labor Division of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Unions and their members can secure advice and assistance on home gardens from their local Defense Council, the Labor Division states in a letter sent to labor organizations throughout the country.

"Most Defense Councils have Victory Garden Committees ready to help your members who do not have garden space to secure unused land for gardens. These committees are also ready to provide experienced supervisors and consultants.

URGES COMMITTEES

"If your Defense Council does not have a Victory Garden Committee," the OCD Labor Division continues, "organized labor in your community should seek to have one set up. The committee should include members of labor unions and other cooperating groups, together with food and garden experts drawn from the school system, the welfare department or park system, garden editors of local newspapers, or from garden clubs. Dealers in seeds, fertilizers and implements also may be helpful."

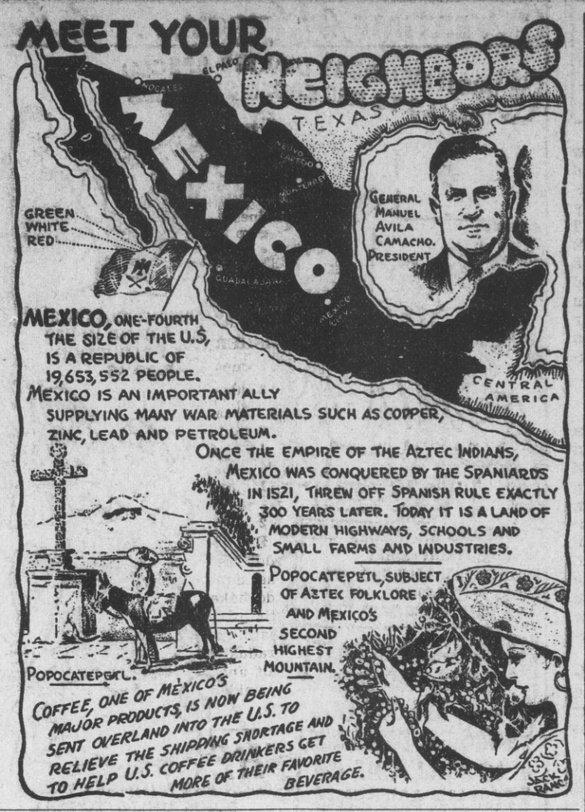
Many plants have unused land which could be put to good use for gardens, the Labor Division points out. It adds that some unions already have made arrangements through labor-management committees to use plant property for Victory Gardens, and suggests that, "possibly some of your members can make similar arrangements at their places of work.

"How many Victory Gardens there are and how they grow is important to the winning of the war, for America needs all the food it can raise to feed its fighters on the battlefront and the home front, together with those of our Allies. More than one-half of the 1943 commercial pack of vegetables will be purchased by the Government for our armed forces or for Lend Lease needs. This means that civilians will have to depend more and more upon fresh food supplies through home garden production."

HANDBOOKS READY

To aid union officials and members interested in raising home gardens, the Labor Division sent to labor organizations several publications it secured from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. These include "Victory Gardens," the "Victory Garden Leader's Handbook" and the "1943 Victory Garden Program," which were recommended as "extremely helpful in providing detailed instructions on the economical planning and efficient care of vegetable and fruit gardens."

Copies of these Victory Garden publications may be secured in limited numbers from state and local Defense Councils.



Urgent Business For Labor: Back Poll Tax Fight!

(NOTE: Measure to abolish the poll tax requirement in federal elections is backed by the AFL, CIO and the Rail Brotherhoods. Poll-tax members of Congress, by using leather-lunged filibustering tactics, talked the previous measure to death. These same poll-taxers are now doing their best to hamstring Organized Labor. Have your union authorize a wire now to your Congressman, also to Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Sheridan Downey, demanding that they back this legislation.—EDITOR.)

H. R. 7 can pass the House just as rapidly as you work for its passage. A strong non-partisan coalition of Congressmen have pledged their support to this anti-poll tax legislation. A majority of the House favors the removal of this restriction on the suffrage, as was shown overwhelmingly by the vote last session.

H. R. 7, however, is pigeon-holed in the House Judiciary Committee, which is controlled by poll tax Congressmen who will not willingly let the majority of the House vote on this legislation. The Judiciary Committee must be discharged from further consideration of the bill by a petition signed by 218 members of Congress.

Discharge Petition No. 3 has been introduced to bring the bill on the floor for a vote. Eighty Congressmen have already signed the petition as this issue of the Repealer goes to press. This is one-third of the signatures needed. The remaining two-thirds can be secured within the month if you act now.

Write, wire, telephone your Congressman to sign Discharge Petition No. 3 today.

Union Workers Sure Turn Out The War Goods

Washington, D. C.

Stepping up the tempo of their machines, America's workers during a recent 28-day period produced weapons of war at a rate that Adolf Hitler less than a year ago said could not be attained.

Production records for February, which were made public by Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, revealed that workers were setting new marks in the output of shells, bombs and small arms ammunition.

50 SHELLS A MINUTE

During February, Mr. Patterson said, America produced 1,932,000 high explosive shells of all caliber, a rate of 50 shells a minute, day and night, for the entire month.

In the same period, shops and arsenals produced 419,000 bombs in all sizes up to block busters, enough to drop 15,000 a night on enemy ships and cities. We also made 8,000 cannon for aircraft and 2,000 anti-aircraft guns.

500 CARTRIDGES A SECOND

A total of 1,244,000,000 cartridges in .30, .45, and .50 calibers were produced last month, a rate of more than 500 cartridges a second for every second in the month.

In January and February, Mr. Patterson disclosed, American workers produced 150,000 machine guns and 134,000 submachine guns, compared with 132,000 machine guns of all calibers in all of World War I. In these two months, we produced 5,000 tanks, more than 28,000 army trucks, 2,000 anti-tank guns, 5,000,000 pairs of marching shoes. In February alone 7,800 weapon bearing combat vehicles were manufactured.

The production rate on rifles, carbines, artillery and radio equipment is rising steadily, the War Department indicated.

Admiral Praises Absentee 'Cure' Of Auto Workers

Washington, D. C.

Rear Admiral C. H. Woodward, U. S. N. (retired), chief of the Industrial Incentive Division, Navy Department, praised the absenteeism "Cause and Cure" campaign recently inaugurated by the United Rubber Workers of America. Each international and local union has been asked to map out a campaign immediately to remove the causes of absenteeism.

President S. H. Dalrymple, commenting on the campaign in an article in the current issue of the United Rubber Workers, states, "It is up to us to prove what labor can do when called in as partner to solve a problem like this . . . One individual's absenteeism not only lowers his own production but throws the whole working crew out of gear. It is also contagious—one irresponsible action encourages others—and it lowers morale on the job . . . Every local union should see that the underlying causes of absenteeism are solved. Some of them are bad transportation, lack of housing, lack of proper child care centers, improper food, etc."

THE KID IN UPPER FOUR

(It is 3:42 a. m. on a troop train.)
Men wrapped in blankets are breathing heavily.
Two in every lower berth. One in every upper.
This is no ordinary trip. It may be their last in the U. S. A. till the end of the war.
One is wide awake . . . listening . . . staring into the blackness.
It is the kid in Upper 4.
Tonight he knows, he is leaving behind a lot of little things—and big ones too.
The taste of hamburgers and pop . . . the feel of driving a roadster over a six-lane highway . . . a dog named Shucks, or Spot, or Barnacle Bill.
The pretty girl who writes so often . . . that gray-haired man, so proud and awkward at the station . . . the mother who knit the socks he'll wear soon.
Tonight he's thinking them over.
There's a lump in his throat. And maybe—a tear fills his eye. It doesn't matter, Kid. Nobody will see . . . it's to dark.
A couple of thousand miles away, where he's going, they don't know him very well.
But people all over the world are waiting, praying for him to come.
And he will come, this kid in Upper 4.
With new hope, peace and freedom for a tired, bleeding world.

In every part of the world the good desire of men for peace and decency is undermined by the dynamite of jingoism. And it needs only one spark, set off anywhere by one egomaniac, to send it all up in one final fatal explosion. —ROBERT E. SHERWOOD.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. —C. C. COLTON.

SHEET METAL WORKERS STATE COUNCIL HOLDS TWO-DAY CONVENTION; MANY VISITORS PRESENTED TO DELEGATES

H. M. Stark, scretary of the State Council of California Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Convention held in Oakland on March 6 and 7, submits the following as part of the doings of the delegates:

REPORT OF CONVENTION
Held in Oakland, California, March 6th and 7th, 1943

President Hand of Local No. 216 opened the meeting at 1:50 p. m., who welcomed the delegates and in behalf of Local No. 216 invited the delegates to a banquet at 7 p. m. to be held at the Athens Athletic Club, after which the delegates would be entertained with a floor show and a dance in Porter Hall. Brother Hand then turned the meeting over to President Fitzgerald of the council, who declared the convention open for business.

President Fitzgerald then introduced Robert Eddy, representing Mr. West endorsing the War Saving Program, who gave a short speech. It is the safe way to buy war bonds to date; no commissions are paid. So far, we have tried to sell $1,000,000,000 worth a month. If we don't buy bonds, it merely means higher taxes.

G. A. Silverthorn, representing the Central Labor Council, was introduced. He welcomed the Sheet Metal Workers State Convention to the city of Oakland. Mentioned places of interest to be seen. Emphasized that union labels must appear on every purchase we make; always demand union merchandise.

John Eranosian of the War Manpower Commission was introduced. Stated that he was still working at the apprentice and training service and trying to convince everybody that we should be involved in training schools. Oakland was complimented on their apprentice program. During the war effort, however, everyone is having a difficult time convincing young people to be apprentices. They know that they can be mechanics in nine months in the shipyards. Stated that we should have a state-wide plan of training apprentices.

VISITORS

Robert Bryon, International General President.

Louis M. Ficklein, International Vice President.

Earl Cook, International Organizer.

G. A. Silverthorn, Representative of the Central Labor Council.

Chas. A. Roe, Representing Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County.

John Eranosian, War Manpower Apprentice Training Service.

Robert P. Etienne, War Saving Staff of Northern California.

Frank Burk, Business Representative of Local No. 104.

Frank Richardson, President of Local No. 104.

Dan. Cavanaugh, Secretary of Local No. 104.

L. Childs, Business Representative of Local No. 216.

And many other Brothers from Local Unions.

DELEGATES PRESENT

Local No. 108, Los Angeles—R. Anderson, L. Graham.

Local No. 104, San Francisco—G. J. Fitzgerald, E. G. Doyle.

Local No. 216, Oakland—L. Martin, P. Hand.

Local 162, Sacramento—J. C. Luke, C. Grady.

Local No. 272, San Mateo—Edward Brady.

Local No. 221, Vallejo—H. M. Stark, E. Norberg.

Local No. 206, San Diego—H. G. Webber, C. L. Vaughn.

Local No. 252, Fresno—H. Shinski.

Local No. 304, Monterey—J. Alsop.

Local No. 309, San Jose—F. Meyer.

Local No. 199—Not represented.

Local No. 356, San Rafael—J. Wall.

Local No. 355, Oakland—L. Lorenz, F. Reeve.

Local No. 273—Not represented.

Local No. 283—J. LaFontaine.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Credentials were accepted and the delegates seated.

COMMUNICATIONS

Reading of communications and resolutions.

Resolutions were presented by Louis Martin of Local No. 216, and Johnny Eranosian of Local No. 272.

NOTICES OF DEATHS

The State Council has been notified of the following deaths since the last convention, with an inclosed certified death certificate. The brothers passed on, on the the folowing dates:

William Dimmitt, No. 43114, Local No. 309, October 6, 1942.

James Costello, No. 23915, Local No. 104, November 3, 1942.

William G. Casali, No. 154,991, Local No. 216, January 4, 1943.

Walter G. Mathewson, No. 14553, Local No. 309, January 15, 1943.

The following amounts have been paid out on death claims since last convention:

Claim No. 229 to Local Union No. 221—$950.

Claim No. 230 to Local Union No. 104—$980.

Claim No. 231 to Local Union No. 104—$980.

Claim No. 232 to Local Union No. 309—$1,000.

Claim No. 233 to Local Union No. 104—$1,000.

Returns on referendum votes on Resolutions No. 2 and No. 5 introduced at the Sacramento Convention, October 3 and 4, 1942:

Local Union 108, Los Angeles: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 104, San Francisco: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted NO.

Local Union 216, Oakland: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 162, Sacramento: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 272, San Mateo: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted NO.

Local Union 283, Stockton: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 221, Vallejo: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted NO.

Local Union 206, San Diego: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 252, Fresno: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 199, Bakersfield: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 273, Santa Barbara: voted, with majority.

Local Union 304, Santa Cruz: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 309, San Jose: No. 2, not voting; No. 5, not voting.

Local Union 355, Oakland: No. 2, voted YES; No. 5, voted YES.

Local Union 356, San Rafael: No. 2, not voting; No. 5, not voting.

Total—12 votes for Resolution No. 2; 9 votes for Resolution No. 5; 3 votes opposed Resolution No. 5.

(MORE NEXT ISSUE)

Another Guadalcanal Lie Exposed; Author Confesses Hoax Used In Attack on Unions

Long Island City, New York.

Another piece of anti-labor propaganda, rivaling the original phoney Guadalcanal smear story, was exposed as pure fakery. The propaganda involved a letter, purporting to come from a marine on the same island and was read into the Congressional Record last January by Senator Millard Tydings of Maryand.

The exposure was made by Local 365, United Auto Workers (CIO), at the Brewster Aircraft Company, whose publicity man, Ray Hill, was first responsible for publicizing the letter, which was spread over the nation by the daily press, and was featured by the Scripps-Howard chain.

The letter, which condemned Brewster workers for alleged loafing, was supposed to have been written by a former Brewster worker named "Bill Smith." It actually was written here by John F. Desmond, a worker, who has given an affidavit to the union taking full responsibility.

Although the letter was an obvious fake, Hill printed it in the Brewster Bulletin. And then Tydings read it to the Senate January 27, claiming it had been given to him by an official of the Navy Deparent. Scripps-Howard immediately broadcast the story.

ATTACKED WORKERS

The letter was a vitriolic attack on Brewster workers for loafing on the job. It also described a very bloody battle on Guadalcanal. Desmond said he had faked it to impress two or three men who occasionally loafed but he never intended it to become public property.

Union Mechanic At Guadalcanal Proves He Can Fight the Japs

When the aircraft mechanics at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal Island said they would "keep 'em flying," they did not refer to American planes alone but also to Jap soldiers, according to Technical Sergeant James W. Hurlbut, Marine Corps combat correspondent who recently returned from that area. Many of the mechanics are former union members.

"Frequently I saw those mechanics drop their wrenches and grab rifles and go to work killing Japs," the Sergeant said. "When they finished that task, they went back to working on motors and planes."

The combat correspondent said the mechanics would lend a hand to the Marines anytime it was needed and that they "did a good job of fighting and fixing."

"Everyone on Guadalcanal took a turn at fighting when they were needed," Sergeant Hurlbut said: "By everybody I mean just that—Marines, sailors, Coast Guardsmen, mechanics, Seabees, combat correspondents, aviators and anyone else who happened to be around. It was everybody's job and everybody worked together to win the fight."

No woman really makes a fool of a man. She merely gives him opportunity to develop his natural capacities.

Medical Octopus Plots to Murder Co-op Hospital In Oklahoma

Elk City, Oklahoma

The Supreme Court of the United States, in an historic decision early this year, upheld the right of the people to band together to purchase medical care through group health associations and medical cooperatives. The American Medical Association and District of Columbia Medical Society were convicted of combination in restraint of trade under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. But the attack on medical cooperatives is being carried on under cover.

The board of directors of the Community Hospital here have just revealed that local "medical politicians" have misused their positions on the Committee of Procurement and Assignment of Beckham County to draft key doctors in the co-op hospital here in an attempt to force the hospital to close its doors. Already Dr. Alexander Shadid and Dr. Ralph Shadid have been drafted and Doctor Brewer has volunteered his services. But the committee is still not satisfied and without consulting the hospital has declared that Dr. Fred Shadid is "available" and have recommended that he be drafted. His loss, the board of directors points out, would so cripple the operations of the hospital that it would be forced to close.

Repeated attempts have been made by the local medical society to kill the co-op hospital ever since it was established in 1931. The conspiracy against it was so effective that Governor W. H. Murray, was forced to step in to prevent destruction of the hospital which is owned by 1800 families in this part of Oklahoma. "In discriminating against the Community Hospital the doctors are grossly violating the trust the federal government places in them", the board declared in its statement.

The Supreme Court Decision was secured on the initiative of the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice, but the FBI, another arm of the same department, is apparently unaware of the decision for it has sent agents to investigate the co-op hospital for a fourth time, apparently at the instigation of the doctors who are opposed to the program of preventive medicine and budgeted expenditure which has brought medical care within the reach of hundreds of Oklahoma families.

Opposition Slows Up Avalanche of Anti-Labor Laws In United States

The pressing need for labor to fight anti-union, anti-victory forces on the state legislative fronts as well as in the federal Congress is made plain in a brief survey of recent union-busting bills passed in a number of states.

In Kansas, anti-labor forces pushed through a bill to register all unions, license union officials, abolish the right to picket and file detailed financial reports.

Texas, determined to stay in the lead in the anti-union parade, moved ahead with state Senate approval of a House passed bill restricting unions in their right to collect dues and pay per capita, restricting election rights and destroying the right to strike and picket.

Arkansas, scene of much "Christian American" propaganda (these people have been denounced by church leaders as neither Christian or American, actually are a mask for a labor smashing drive) the two houses approved a bill based on the Texas measure. Idaho has passed a similar bill.

Labor opposition from CIO, AFL and Brotherhoods has slowed the drive in some places. In Missouri, an anti-union bill was dropped in the Senate. Similar bills are having a tough time in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

NLRB Orders a Poll For Henry Kaiser's San Berdoo Iron Mine

Kelso, California.

The National Labor Relations Board has ordered a secret ballot election among employees of the Kaiser Company iron mine which supplies ore to the company's new Pacific Coast steel mill.

The election will give the employees an opportunity to determine whether or not they desire to be represented by the AFL San Bernardino Metal Trades Council. The union petitioned the board for an election after the company had refused its request for recognition until the Metal Trades Council had been found by the board to represent a majority of employees.

Where all are selfish, the sage is no better than the fool, and only rather more dangerous.

—FROUDE.

Landlords Launching Nation-Wide Drive to Destroy Rent Ceiling

Washington, D. C.

Landlords are organizing a nation-wide campaign against rent controls, and hope to bring pressure on Congress, O. P. A. Administrator Prentiss M. Brown declares.

The drive, it was said, is being engineered from Washington by high-powered lobbyists retained by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Its object is to wipe out or emasculate rent control provisions of the Price Control Act, Brown declared.

LABOR FOR VICTORY



NEW YORK, N. Y.—Labor-management cooperation increased output in a war plant here 1500% in two years, and won for the union workers and their employer the Army-Navy "E" award. THE BEST INVESTMENT in the world was given to workers for their practical ideas and suggestic is —WAR BONDS.

Here's Advice To Unionists On Tire Setup

Tires need recapping as soon as the non-skid pattern has worn off, the Office of War Information says.

All motorists are urged to prolong the life of their tires by having them recapped at the proper time. Recapping requires on the average only about one-third as much rubber as is used in making the so-called War on "Victory" tire, the OWI points out.

Because of the seriousness of the rubber situation, it has now been made possible for all holders of gas ration books to have their tires recapped without first securing a purchase order from a local ration board.

DON'T DELAY JOB!

Not all tires, however, can be recapped successfully, even if proper care has been taken of them. Local treading shops can usually be relied upon to give good advice as to whether a tire is worth recapping.

The OWI warns, too, that since all the "camelback" now available for passenger car tires is made from reclaimed rubber, recaps made with this grade cannot be expected to withstand the hard usage often given the pre-war virgin-rubber type. This makes it doubly imperative that drivers operating on recaps observe every precaution to conserve their tires —particularly that of keeping their speed under 35 miles per hour.

RECLAIMED RUBBER INFERIOR

Recaps made with reclaimed rubber simply will not stand up under high speeds or other forms of abuse such as slithering around corners, sudden starts and stops.

"You defininitely contribute to the winning of the war as well as help yourself," the OWI says, "when you prolong the life of the good tires you now own."

Society can overlook murder, adultery or swindling; it never forgives the preaching of a new gospel.—FREDERIC HARRISON, English philosopher, born 1831.

New York State Votes 15 Million for Aid To Nurseries to Care For Worker Children

Albany, New York

A $15,000,000 program to provide care for the children of women working in war industries was approved by the State War Council, composed of representatives of government, labor and industry.

The program is to be financed one-third by the state, one-third by localities and one-third by parents. In the event that federal funds are made available, the state's share will be reduced by that amount. The cost of child care under the program is estimated for each child between 2 and 5 years of age and $100 a year for school chilren over 5.

The centers will be open to all children whose mothers are working either in war indsutries or in manpower shortage areas. Provision has also been made to take over 28 settlement house nurseries operated by the WPA, which otherwise would have closed down April 1.

Food Costs for New Jersey Workers Up Third More in Year

Newark, New Jersey.

New Jersey workers report they are now paying one-third more for food than they did a year ago.

That's the conclusion of a cost-of-living survey just completed in New Jersey under the direction of the state CIO.

The report, first sponsored, directed and financed by a union, reveals that actual prices paid by workers is far higher than is estimated in official cost-of-living surveys.

For instance, the union analysis shows an increase in New Jersey food prices of exactly 35.4 per cent from January, 1942, to January, 1943. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture claims an increase of only 11.69 per cent for the same period.

The arrogance coming out of Berlin lately recalls the old Biblical quotation: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

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BAKERS 24—Meets every third Saturday of month at 7:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec., Louie Grasso, 18 Villa St., Salinas; Pres., Ed Holstein; Bus. Agt., Fred L. Goudy, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

JOURNEYMEN BARBERS 827—Meets every third Monday of month at 8:00 p.m., at 227 Monterey Ave.; Pres., Nate Freeman; Sec., W. G. Kenyon.

BARTENDERS UNION LOCAL No. 545: Meets first and third Monday of month, 2:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street; W. E. Biggerstaff, Sec., 425 N. Main St., Phone 6293. Charles Tindle, Pres., 215 Quilla St., Phone 5811. W. Y. Raymond, Bus. Agent, 117 Pajaro St., Phone 6734.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets every Monday night at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres., Guy Paulson; Vice Pres., Amos Schofield; Sec., H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas., R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec., Roy Hossack, 1244 Del Monte Ave.; Bus. Agt., George R. Harter, 1060 E. Market St., Phone 5335. Office, 422 No. Main St., Phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business meetings second Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall; social meetings, fourth Wednesdays. Pres., Mrs. Marie Brayton; Sec., Mrs. Blanche Van Emmon; Treas., Mrs. Helen Keiser.

CULINARY WORKERS ALLIANCE 467—Meets second and fourth Thursday, 2:30 p.m., at Labor Temple. Pres., Jessie King; Bus. Mgr., Helen Norman, office at Labor Temple; Office Sec., Bertha Boles.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Friday in each Month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Business Manager, Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. L. E. Tole Pres.

FIVE COUNTIES LABOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE—Meets first Sunday each month at place announced. Pres., F. J. Carlisle; Vice.-Pres., Wayne Edwards; Rec. Sec., Sibyl Schneller; Sec.-Treas., Roy Hossack, Route 2, Box 144, Salinas. Phone Salinas 5460.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second and fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at Forresters Hall, 373 Main street. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 523 Archer St.; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agt., office at rear of Labor Temple; Donna Spicer, Office Secretary.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas, Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

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MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION: Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 137 Clay St.; D. D. McAnaney, Pres.

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OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION No. 763: Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1104; Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p. m. Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Pres., C. W. Rickman; Rec. and Fin. Sec., D. H. Hartman, 1333 First Ave., Salinas; office at Labor Temple. Phone Salinas 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503: Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Al Everly; Rec. Sec., Phil Prater; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Louis Jenkins, office at Labor Temple. (Exec. Bd., meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.)

POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towt St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, Pres., Salinas.

PRINTING PRESSMEN & ASSISTANTS' UNION NO. 328 OF WATSONVILLE AND SALINAS—Meets last Tuesday of each month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. President, Roland W. Scheffler, Toro and Miami Sts., Salinas; Sec., Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 304—President, John Alsop, Pacific Grove, Phone 7825; Business Agent, A. N. Endell, 54 Villa St., Salinas, Phone 7355.

STATE, COUNTY and MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES — Meets on call at Labor Temple; H. E. Lyons, pres., 15 West St.; H. V. Rook, 1413 Wiren St., secretary.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secty., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Labor Temple; L. R. (Red) Carey, secretary, 117 Pajaro street, Salinas, Phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a. m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 13 Kentucky St., Salinas; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Payton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543 — C. R. McCloskey, President, Salinas; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Phone 959-J. Meets last Sunday of the Month, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Rufus Robinson, 200 Windham St., Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas; Phone 9668.

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By CONSUMERS UNION

("Your Dollar" is a regular monthly feature. The facts and opinions given are based on oCnsumers Union Reports, the monthly magazine of Consumers Union, 17 Union Square West, New York City, a non-profit organization whose main object is to safeguard buyers by testing and reporting on consumer goods. Note especially the information on labor conditions under which products are manufactured.)

WHITE AND KHAKI SHIRTS

Prices of almost all men's shirts have gone up, Consumers Union found in purchasing 33 brands of shirts for test. In addition, there are many hidden price increases, in the form of skimpy measurements, poor workmanship and seconds sold at the price of firsts. It's best to unfold and examine every shirt you buy to make sure that it's not a second. Look for defects in workmanship and weaving.

Best Buys of the white broadcloth shirts, on the basis of price and quality, are Hale Brothers Townsman (Hale Bros. Stores, Los Angeles, $1.85; Leeds De Luxe (Schulte Cigar Stores, $1.88; Van Heusen ($2.75. A best buy among nationally advertised brands although it does not compare with the other two in value.) It should be noted, however, that the Leeds $1.57 shirt sold in Schulte stores was the poorest quality of all white shirts tested. The much advertised Arrow and Manhattan shirts at $2.25 were far down on the quality list. There were many better shirts at lower prices.

CU found no khaki shirts of outstanding quality. Penney's Towncraft at $2.49 and Van Heusen at $2.50 were about the best. But if the shirts are for a soldier, CU advises letting him do the buying through regular Army sources.

SOYBEANS FOR GOOD NUTRITION

Soybeans are a best buy in high-grade nutrition, points out CU's medical advisor. They contain a high percentage of protein, fat, A and B-complex vitamins, iron, calcium and phosphorus. Since most foods which are good sources of proteids, fats and vitamins are becoming more expensive, it's a wise housewife who fills in the gaps with soybeans. You can get them in the form of dried, toasted or fresh beans and soybean flour. The price and point value of the dried soybeans is the same as that for other dried beans. They can be used for soups, baked beans, chile con carne, etc. The flour can be used to enrich wheat flour in baking.

You can get a leaflet, "Soybeans for the Table" from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for 5 cents. You can also get free information on the ways of using soybean flour from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., and from the Soya Corporation of America, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

HAND CLEANERS

Hand cleaners available on the retail market come in paste, powder and cake form, Consumers Union reports. They all contain soap and abrasives, which clean the hands in the same way that scouring powder cleans a tiled floor. In addition there are protective creams such as DuPont's Pro-Tek which makes the cleaning job easier by preventing dirt from becoming imbedded in the skin. You can probably find less expensive creams, similar to Pro-Tek, in your local stores.

CU has tested and recommends the following hand cleaners, in order of increasing size of the abrasive used: Boraxo, Colgate's Mechanic's Soap Paste, Gre-Solvent Powdered, White Sail, Mobo Powdered, Gre-Solvent, Mione, Spic'N' Span, Dif, Tops, Mobo. The more abrasive brands are generally cheaper. All are good cleaners. But all should be used with caution in order not to tear and scratch the skin.

Post-War Setup Told in Latest OWI Pamphlet

Washington, D. C.

The Office of War Information has just issued the second of a series of pamphlets — "Toward New Horizons — Proposals for a Free World"—containing statement which deal with the post-war world.

Speeches by seven United Nations leaders—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and Foreign Minister T. V. Soong of China, Prime Minister Jan Christiaan Smuts of the Union of South Africa, President Roosevelt, Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles of the United States—are included.

The Office of War Information pointed out that these speeches were selected because of the light they throw upon the development of thinking on the subject of the post-war world by United Nations leaders from their various points of view.

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KAISER, HIGGINS DECLARE LABOR UNION LEADERS ARE SOLVING ABSENTEE EVILS

Washington, D. C.

Tory Congressmen and other labor-baiters, who have been raising a great hullabaloo about "absenteeism," were effectively answered by two of the nation's outstanding employers of war workers, Andrew Jackson Higgins and Henry J. Kaiser.

Higgins and Kaiser rank as the wizard shipbuilders of the country. They have smashed all records in the world's history for production of ships. Both are signed up 100 per cent with AFL unions on their properties and have publicly declared they wouldn't operate without union contracts.

HANDLING ABSENTEES

In his blunt, straight-spoken manner, the New Orleans master builder told the Senate Defense Investigating Committee that absenteeism is no problem at his plants and he explained why.

"If a man is absent, a union committee talks to him," Higgins said. "The second time he doesn't show up the committee talks to him more seriously, and the third time, it's three strikes—and he's out of his job.

"So we're not troubled with absenteeism, and morale among our workers is high. They work like they are going to win the war right in their plant."

DEFENDS WORKERS

Kaiser rebuked critics who attempt to pin the blame for all absenteeism on workers. He declared "much of it is due to industrialists." Where adequate housing, proper transportation, good working conditions and facilities needed by workers are provided, absenteeism drops, he said.

He warned against any crackdown legislation, contending that it is important first "to get the facts" on causes of absences from the job, "in justice to the men being accused of absenteeism."

Kaiser insisted the problem should be attacked by voluntary means and declared union-management cooperation is vital.

"I believe in unionism," he said. "Capable labor leaders are a good influence over the men."

Chants Communal

What can I do? I can talk out when others are silent. I can say man when others say money. I can stay up when others are asleep. I can keep on working when others have stopped to play. I can give life big meanings when others give life little meanings. I can say love when others say hate. I can say every man when others say one man. I can try events by a hard test when others try it by an easy test.

What can I do? I can give myself to life when other men refuse themselves to life. — HORACE TRAUBEL.

Message to Your Union:



The U. S. Treasury Department knows that organized labor has done an outstanding job on behalf of the War Savings Program. However, it is often difficult to receive full reports on what unions have done. If the members of your union are averaging 10% or more in War Bonds through Payroll Savings, please fill in and mail the form below.

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Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Psalm of Labor

By ADA M. STIMSON

For centuries I have served mankind. For ages I have borne the burdens of the world.

I have stirred the earth. I have made it to bring forth increase.

I have caused the desert to bloom and changed the wilderness into a garden.

I have garnered the grain. I have gathered the fruit.

I have fed the world. I have provided food for all the people.

I have tamed wild beasts and made them servants of man.

I have woven fibers into cloth and fashioned garments. I have clothed the people.

I have hewn down mountains and transformed the rock into human habitation.

I have felled the giants of the forest and made them furnish comfort and protection to man.

I have gone down into the bowels of the earth and forced her to give up her treasure.

I have wrought in the glare of the furnace, undaunted by the hissing of steam and clanging of steel.

I have enriched the nations. I have produced the wealth of the world.

But mine eyes have been blinded and my hands have been shackled. I did not see that the wealth I had created was mine, nor that the good things of life belonged to me.

But the scales are beginning to fall from my eyes. I am beginning to see.

I will arise in my strength. I will break my chains.

I will take what belongs to me. I will lay hold of my own.

I will bring comfort and abundance to all, I will bring peace and joy to the multitude.

All mankind will be blessed. All inhabitants of the earth made glad.

I am greater than greed. I am mightier than Mammon.

I AM LABOR!

Brooklyn Solon Says 'Absentee' Cry Smokescreen To Smash Unions

Washington, D. C.

The good faith of members of Congress who are demanding legislation aimed at "absenteeism" is challenged by Congressman Emanuel Celler (Dem., N. Y.), who has represented a Brooklyn district for more than 20 years, in one of the most forceful speeches heard in the House during the present session.

Proposals which are pouring into legislative hoppers provide harsh penalties which will lead to "horrible abuses," he said, and added:

"Vindictive bosses can use these penalties as a weapon to prevent collective bargaining, to do away with all the gains that labor has made over the years."

The "absentee" cry, Celler contended, is a smokescreen to conceal ulterior designs of labor-haters.

The evil which has been subjected to so much discussion, he argued, results very largely from poor management, material shortages, bad food, bad housing, inadequate transportation, improper work schedules and other causes beyond the workers' control.

CITES LABOR'S AMAZING RECORD

He cited labor's amazing production record in disproof of charges that the nation's workers are "malingerers or slackers."

"In making this speech," Celler told the House, "I feel as lonely as a slice off a loaf of bread. On all sides we hear charges against labor. Labor is cuffed around, chastised, castigated, criticized as though it were a whipping boy. We hear very little these days about the tremendous efforts labor is putting into war work and its many sacrifices, its perseverance, its keeping its nose to the grindstone.

"Labor's no-strike pledge, with rare exceptions, has been rigidly maintained, and losses of man-hours from work stoppages have been negligible.

"Yet here we have Captain Eddie Rikenbacker coming forward as a new 'Daniel come to judgment,' lambasting labor from hell to breakfast. I respect his courage and stamina, but he is out of his element when he turns his popularity against workers.

"High-ranking officials likewise hurl all sorts of invective at labor, and abuse and billingsgate flow freely in this chamber. Laborbaiters abound everywhere."

Senate Supports Financial Help To War Nursery

Washington, D. C.

The Senate appropriations committee has reversed recent House action and approved the addition of funds to the first deficiency appropriations act for federal grants to the states for the care of children of war working mothers. It recommended $2,884,000 for states, and $89,000 to administer the plan.

LITTLE LUTHER

"What," Little Luther wanted to know, "Is cost plus?"

"That, my lad," Mr. Dilworth replied, "is the most efficient way of getting our war material produced. The government pays a manufacturer the cost of production plus, let's say, a 10 per cent margin."

"Why don't they pay the workers that way?"

"Impossible, my boy. It would lead to inflation. Besides, how could you work something like that?"

"A worker has costs, too, doesn't he? Rent, clothes, food, radio, movies and things for the kids?"

"We are all expected to sacrifice to win the war."

"But, Daddy, if the government pays a manufacturer more every time his costs go up, why shouldn't a worker get more every time his costs go up?"

"That would lead to an inflationary spiral."

"I don't get it. If the boss gets 10 per cent plus, why shouldn't a worker get enough to pay his rent, put clothes on his kids and buy food, go to the movies, and buy all those wonderful things in the ads, plus 10 per cent?"

"You don't understand, Luther. A manufacturer has to put something away for a rainy day."

"What's the worker going to do?"

"Buy war bonds, of course."

"With what? The receipt from the government for the 1943 income tax he cashed his last year's war bonds to pay?"

Incentive? Why, That Is for Capitalists, Not for Workingmen!

Springfield, Massachusetts

In a speech crackling with indirect but sharp criticisms of Edward V. Rickenbacker, Wage-Hour Administrator L. Metcalfe Walling took the garrulous flyer to task for disrupting the war effort by using "absenteeism" as a stick with which to beat labor.

Pointing out that labor-management committees can prove highly effective in curing the few cases of voluntary absenteeism from war jobs, Walling said:

"Unfortunately, the work of such committees, the whole job of building morale, of helping the man at the machine feel the importance of the bullets, the planes, the rifles he is making has been jeopardized in the last few weeks by the few people who don't care whether what they say increases absences or not, and who use what they call 'absenteeism' as a club to beat labor with."

"I am always amazed," Walling said, "at the people who in one breath bemoan the wartime limit on gross incomes above $67,200 before payment of Federal taxes, because they say this will end incentive, while in the next breath they demand that the overtime incentive to greater production for the worker be abolished."

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